

## Immigrant

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American ranching consists of a mansion  
Where illegal immigrants do much of the labor by hand  
They sneak 'em through customs till time comes to bust 'em  
Then haul 'em back over the border to their own native land

With a ragged sombrero and not much dinero  
They'll be back again when the ole Rio Grande's way down low  
So border patroller don't stop the stroller  
'Cause the illegal immigrant is helping America grow

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And do what you can for the land  
Take home dinero and buy new sombrero  
And come back again when you can

What makes a gringo your smart aleck lingo  
When he stole this land from the indian way back when  
Don't he remember the big money lender  
That put him a lien parked where his pencil had been

The almighty peso that gives him the say so  
To dry up the river whenever there's crops to bring in  
Such a good neighbor to take all his labor  
Chase him back over the border till he's needed again

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